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In re Patent Application of:

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For: DEGRADABLE POLYMERS**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No. 7),  
please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

Small Entity status is claimed.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	33	- 28* =	5	x 9.00	45.00
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First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
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\*not less than 20

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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.